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SUBJECT: MBFR: CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET REP
KVITSINSKIY

FROM US REP MBFR

DURING SOCIAL OCCASION WITH US DEP REP NOVEMBER 16,
SOVIET DEL MEMBER KVITSINSKIY TOUCHED ON
A FEW SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF CURRENT VIENNA NEGO-
TIATIONS. KVITSINSKIY SAID THE SOVIET POSITION ON
THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE TEXT OF DRAFT AGREEMENT
REFLECTING THAT POSITION HAD ONLY BEEN FINALLY
DECIDED ON IN MOSCOW IN THE LATTER PART OF OCTOBER.
HE STRESSED THAT THE CONCEPT OF WITHDRAWAL BY UNIT
INCLUDED IN THE SOVIET PROPOSAL HAD BEEN FOR
THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING NATIONAL VERIFICATION.
AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS, KVITSINSKIY ATTACKED THE COMMON
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CEILING CONCEPT AND SAID IT SHOULD BE DROPPED, BUT THEN SAID

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IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONSIDER A COMMON CEILING IF AIR FORCES AS WELL AS GROUND FORCES WERE INCLUDED AND ONE WERE NOT TOO RIGOROUS ABOUT HAVING EXACTLY THE SAME TOTAL ON BOTH SIDES. IN THIS CONTEXT, KVITSINSKIY AGAIN SPOKE OF A LEVEL OF 850,000 ON THE EASTERN SIDE AND A SOMEWHAT LOWER LEVEL OF PERHAPS 800,000 ON THE WESTERN SIDE AS AN OUTCOME WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED. PRESUMABLY, KVITSINSKIY IS REACHING THIS LEVEL THROUGH APPLICATION OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL OF NOVEMBER 8, WHICH MAY GIVE SOME INSIGHT INTO CURRENT SOVIET FORCE ESTIMATES. KVITSINSKIY SAID A COMMON CEILING LIMITED TO GROUND FORCES ALONE WOULD NOT BE A GOOD IDEA, BECAUSE SOVIET CUTS WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE MUCH LARGER.HUMES

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